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Population, Income, Education, and Employment

Population

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Year			
1980	202,790	1,258,247	1,461,037
1990	214,826	1,508,024	1,722,850
2000	263,136	1,970,033	2,233,169
2004 (latest estimates)	273,006	2,116,033	2,389,039

More information on Utah population

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

Income

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Per-capita income (2003 dollars)			
2002	19,854	26,367	25,612
2003	20,009	26,110	25,407
Percent change	0.8	-1.0	-0.8

Earnings per job (2003 dollars)

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
2002	26,879	35,816	34,897
2003	27,468	35,926	35,054
Percent change	2.2	0.3	0.5

Poverty rate (percent)

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
1979	12.6	9.9	10.3
1989	15.4	10.8	11.4
1999	13.5	8.8	9.4
2002 (latest model-based estimates)	12.4	9.3	9.7

More information on Utah poverty rates

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room](#)
- See important notes about [decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)
- Contact [Robert Gibbs](#), 202-694-5423

Education (Persons 25 and older)

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Percent not completing high school			



1980	25.9	19.0	20.0
1990	20.5	14.0	14.9
2000	15.6	11.8	12.3
Percent completing high school only			
1980	39.0	35.5	36.0
1990	33.3	26.3	27.2
2000	30.6	23.8	24.6
Percent completing some college			
1980	21.9	24.6	24.2
1990	31.3	36.3	35.7
2000	36.2	37.1	37.0
Percent completing college			
1980	13.7	20.9	19.9
1990	14.8	23.3	22.3
2000	17.5	27.3	26.1
More information on Utah education			
• County-level Education Data			
• Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room			
•Contact Robert Gibbs , 202-694-5423			

Employment

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Total number of jobs			
2002	143,508	1,251,474	1,394,982
2003	144,813	1,260,354	1,405,167
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2003	6.2	5.6	5.7
2004	5.9	5.1	5.2
More information on Utah unemployment rates			
• County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data			
• Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room			
•Contact Lorin Kusmin , 202-694-5429			
Percent employment change			
2001-2002	2.2	0.2	0.4
2002-2003	-0.1	1.4	1.2
2003-2004	2.2	1.7	1.7
Percent of 2002 employment in farm and farm-related jobs			
Total	18.4	12.3	12.9
Production	6.9	0.7	1.4
Farm inputs	0.5	0.1	0.1
Processing & marketing	1.0	1.3	1.3
Wholesale & retail trade	9.6	9.7	9.7
More information on farm employment			
• Farm and Farm-Related Employment data			
•Contact Alex Majchrowicz , 202-694-5355			

* Urban and rural (metro and nonmetro) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) June 2003 classification. See [Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003](#) for more information.

More information on socioeconomic conditions

- [Rural Emphasis Page](#)
- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

Farm Characteristics

1992, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

	1992	1997	2002
Total land area (million acres)	52.59	52.59	52.57
Total farmland (million acres)	9.62	12.01	11.73
Percent of total land area	18.3	22.8	22.3
Cropland (million acres)	2.09	2.08	2.07
Percent of total farmland	21.8	17.3	17.6
Percent in pasture	26.8	26.7	29.1
Percent irrigated	39.2	42.3	37.7
Harvested Cropland (million acres)	1.04	1.11	0.96
Woodland (million acres)	0.72	0.36	0.33
Percent of total farmland	7.5	3.0	2.8
Percent in pasture	85.9	64.6	63.2
Pastureland (million acres)	6.63	9.22	9.01
Percent of total farmland	68.9	76.8	76.8
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (million acres)	0.18	0.35	0.32
Percent of total farmland	1.9	2.9	2.8
Conservation and organic practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (million acres)	0.18	0.24	0.21
Percent of total farmland	1.9	2.0	1.8
Certified organic farms, all commodities (number)	N/A	N/A	105
Value of all organic commodities sold (\$1,000's)	N/A	N/A	437
Certified organic farms, crops (number)	N/A	N/A	48
Land used to raise certified organic crops (acres)	N/A	N/A	3,738
Average farm size (acres)	712	760	768
Farms by size (percent)			
1 to 99 acres	56.6	61.6	65.2
100 to 499 acres	26.4	23.9	20.8
500 to 999 acres	6.9	6.0	5.6
1000 to 1,999 acres	4.3	4.0	3.8
2,000 or more acres	5.8	4.5	4.6
Farms by sales (percent)			
Less than \$9,999	56.0	59.9	66.4
\$10,000 to \$49,999	26.0	24.0	18.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7.3	5.9	5.2
\$100,000 to \$499,999	9.4	8.4	7.9
More than \$500,000	1.7	2.0	2.5
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner (farms)	8,212	10,155	10,504
Percent of total	60.7	64.2	68.7

Part owner (farms)	4,229	4,569	3,930
Percent of total	31.3	28.9	25.7
Tenant owner (farms)	1,079	1,086	848
Percent of total	8.0	6.9	5.5
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	11,030	12,955	13,108
Percent of total	81.6	81.9	85.8
Family-held corporations (farms)	584	759	562
Percent of total	4.3	4.8	3.7
Partnerships (farms)	1,616	1,652	1,315
Percent of total	12.0	10.4	8.6
Non-family corporations (farms)	81	111	68
Percent of total	0.6	0.7	0.4
Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	209	333	229
Percent of total	1.5	2.1	1.5
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	54.8	55.1	55.2
Percent with farming as their primary occupation	46.4	39.7	48.7
Men (persons)	12,925	14,926	14,054
Women (persons)	595	884	1,228
More information on farm characteristics			
• Census of Agriculture			
•Contact NASS Customer Service , 1-800-727-9540.			
Data from the 1992 Census of Agriculture is not adjusted for coverage. See Coverage Adjustment from NASS.			

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data		
	2003	2004
Number of farms	15,300	15,300
	Thousands \$	
Final crop output	270,659	269,841
+ Final animal output	860,102	989,064
+ Services and forestry	207,643	204,123
= Final agricultural sector output	1,338,404	1,463,028
- Intermediate consumption outlays	747,845	733,207
+ Net government transactions	31,895	11,790
= Gross value added	622,453	741,611
- Capital consumption	161,138	168,181
= Net value added	461,315	573,430
- Factor payments	197,734	191,673

Employee compensation (total hired labor)	117,820	108,652
Net rent received by nonoperator landlords	19,291	20,439
Real estate and nonreal estate interest	60,623	62,582
= Net farm income	263,581	381,757
More information on farm income		
• Farm Income Data		
• Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room		
•Contact Roger Strickland , 202-694-5592.		

Farm balance sheet as of December 31

	2002	2003
	Thousands \$	
Farm assets	12,686,941	13,249,476
Real estate	10,966,392	11,465,362
Nonreal estate	1,720,549	1,784,114
Farm debt	933,140	951,097
Real estate	485,469	503,984
Nonreal estate	447,671	447,113
Equity	11,753,801	12,298,379
Ratios	Percent	
Debt/equity	7.9	7.7
Debt/assets	7.4	7.2

More information on farm balance sheets

- [Farm Balance Sheet data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Jim Ryan](#), 202-694-5586.

Top Commodities, Exports, And Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2003

	Value of receipts thousand \$	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Cattle and calves	400,873	35.2	0.9
2. Dairy products	193,721	17.0	0.9
3. Hogs	132,104	11.6	1.2
4. Hay	110,749	9.7	2.5
5. Greenhouse/nursery	72,066	6.3	0.5
All commodities	1,138,153		0.5

More information on Utah's top agriculture commodities

- [Leading commodities for cash receipts](#)
- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2004

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Wheat and products	23	81.2
2. Hides and skins	7	57.4

3. Live animals and meat, excluding poultry	22	29.2
4. Dairy products	23	12.5
5. Feeds and fodders	33	11.8

Overall rank	36	229.8
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More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Nora Brooks](#), 202-694-5211.

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2002

	Percent of state total receipts	Million \$
1. Beaver County	14.5	161.3
2. Utah County	10.5	117.0
3. Box Elder County	10.2	113.8
4. Millard County	10.1	113.2
5. Cache County	8.7	96.6

State total		1,115.9
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More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

- Local Area Unemployment Statistics, county data, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).
- Regional Economic Information System, June 2004, [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
- 1980, 1990, and 2000 Census of Population, [Bureau of the Census](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- [Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States](#) (FATUS), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- Census of Agriculture, [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#), USDA.

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